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SUBJECT:BURMESE REQUEST FOR RECOILLESS RIFLES AND GRENADES

REF: A. USDAO 070200Z JUL 77
B. RANGOON 1734
C. USDAO RANGOON 150520Z JUN 77
D. RANGOON 1531
E. STATE 118503
F. RANGOON 1444
G. STATE 115409
H. STATE 115244

1. US ARMY ADVISES THAT 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES ARE NOT
RPT NOT AVAILABLE, BUT 90 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AND
AMMUNITION ARE.

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2. WE HAVE NOT EXTENDED FMS FINANCING TO THE GUB IN THE
PAST, AND WOULD NOT INITIATE A NEW FMS FINANCING PROGRAM
AT THIS TIME.

3. COPRODUCTION OF EITHER RECOILLESS RIFLES OR CARTRIDGES
FOR GRENADE LAUNCHERS WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH NEW US

ARMS SALES POLICY OUTLINED IN REFTELS G AND H, SINCE THESE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SIGNIFICANT WEAPONS.

4. PROVISION OF RECOILLESS RIFLES AS A PART OF OUR NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, NOT RPT NOT BE APPROPRIATE.

5. WE PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, TO FMS CASH PURCHASE OR COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF THE AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT BY THE GUB.

6. FYI: SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL A, THE GUB EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CLEARANCE FOR SHIPMENT OF 40 MM CARTRIDGES FOR M 79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS. IT APPEARS THAT FAA REGULATIONS DO NOT NORMALLY PERMIT THIS TYPE OF AMMUNITION TO BE CARRIED ON A COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IN THE U.S. ALTHOUGH DOD CAN PROVIDE A DIRECT AIRLIFT TO BURMA OR CLARK AFB IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE EMBASSY HERE CONSIDERS THESE OPTIONS TOO EXPENSIVE AND/OR POLITICALLY INFEASIBLE.

7. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE IN THIS MATTER, BUT IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN THAT A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO THE BURMESE WILL BE FOUND. VANCE

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